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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. REBER via COL. BEERLI

Jim: I agree but would like to put off specific action until the NRO paper is signed. I do think that COMOR should establish a Working Group of Elint specialists to develop Elint requirements [REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Research)

VIA: Acting Chief, Development Projects Division

SUBJECT: Requirements for ELINT and COMINT
Collection by means of Satellite

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for approval in paragraph 7.

2. The charter of the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance as approved by the Director of Central Intelligence in DCID 2/7 establishes the responsibility of COMOR to coordinate the adaptation of requirements from PNIOs for overhead reconnaissance of denied areas by a number of sensors including COMINT and ELINT.

3. As far as is known by the undersigned, [redacted]

[redacted] even more so than operations dealing with the collection of photography which to some is a much more sensitive operation.

4. On 28 June 1960, the United States Intelligence Board approved a paper approved by the Inter-Agency Committee for Intelligence Requirements for satellite reconnaissance systems. (This committee has since been dissolved and its responsibilities placed on COMOR.) That requirements paper was precipitated in large part by the need to provide photographic and electronic equipment to be aboard the SAMOS. However, it was intended that SAMOS, being a system under development, should serve as an example; the requirements would be equally applicable to any similar system. COMOR knows of no collection by SAMOS to date. Except for a briefing some time ago on [redacted] COMOR knows of no other satellite ELINT collection.

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5. In the case of U-2 photography and ELINT and CORONA photography, interagency requirements were invited as soon as a collection mechanism was available, even though it was only in an R & D stage. These requirements have been prepared with a working knowledge of the capabilities of the collection mechanism.

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6. I understand that the National Reconnaissance Office is initiating a study of U.S. ELINT collection efforts and that the DDR has requested that the purposes for which our collection mechanisms are used should be a subject of USIB consideration. Meanwhile, the NRO should also make comparable arrangements with USIB

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7. Recommendation: That the Deputy Director (Research) discuss with the Director, National Reconnaissance Office, the proposition that the NRO now brief the United States Intelligence Board (or COMOR)

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request requirements guidance for same.

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James Q. Reber
Chairman

Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

CONCUR:

The recommendation contained
in paragraph 7 is approved:

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STANLEY W. BEERLI Date
Colonel USAF
Acting Chief, DPD/DDP

HERBERT SCOVILLE, JR Date
Deputy Director 14 APR 1962
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See note attached

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